



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Dan Sanchez

Application No.: 09/847,736

Filed: May 1, 2001

For: **PIVOT POINT ARM FOR A
ROBOTIC SYSTEM USED TO
PERFORM A SURGICAL
PROCEDURE**

Examiner: Kenneth G. Schopper

Art Group: 3739

V. Douglas
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-9998

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A pivot port that can support a surgical instrument controlled by a robotic arm, comprising:
 - a pivot arm;
 - a ring;
 - an adapter that has an aperture adapted to receive the surgical instrument, said adapter being coupled to said ring without any fasteners; and,
 - a first joint that couples said ring to said pivot arm.